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THE MAIL BAG!

Don't skip this Department- you may be in it!

More than forty (40) letters came in commending our efforts, Wesley Bird, President of the Fresno Chess Club says we are improving.... (but we intend to improve still more by having diagrams, and what we desire most of all is getting CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS printed!)....Arbee Young of Roseville tells us to "Keep up the good work". We fully intend to as long as you help us with news, games and subscriptions. Naturally, by you, we mean All Chess Lovers on the Pacific Coast.

A subscriber (we won't name) says he is chessically not physically "a cripple" and begs for some bum games, annoted with the whys and wherefores of the errors...watch future C. C. N. and you will get your wish!

Thanks to Nick Russ of San Francisco and Marion Sanders of Manteca for material sent... one is in "Odds and Ends"; the other will appear with notes for the weaker players. "Give us all the games of the World's Championship fast" say a few subscribers. We did this in this issue thus leaving out the great number of notes we had prepared on most of the games, so that we would have room to give that number of games. Bob Upham of San Rafael writes a good hand of chess and on top of that sent in six (6) subscriptions, too....not only are we grateful to him, but we intend to promote him to Contributing Editor...a title that will be given quite a number of contributors from our next issue on. Watch our Editorial Board.

British Columbia is supporting Cal. Chess News considerably.. thanks mostly to Dave Creemer of Vancouver, president of the British Columbia Chess Fed. If the whole Pacific Coast shows its interest, we may yet start the ball rolling for a Pacific Coast Chess Conference or Union. How about having the first Pacific Coast Chess Championship to be held each year in one of the big four Pacific States?

In the meantime, though, we need subscribers and you can help if you really think that Cal. Chess News is working in the right direction. Make the months of April and May, CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS months - get subscribers. News, games and articles for the May issue should be in by April 20th. To one and all.. Thanks!

Greetings!

George Koltanowski

ODDS AND ENDS

WHAT, NO SPATS ???

The cold war is beginning to have its effect even in San Francisco. We couldn't believe our eyes when we discovered a chess article in the San Francisco Chronicle on Monday, March 22, 1948 on Page 3. Mind you....Page 3! The title was --

SARTORIAL STALEMATE
Mechanics' Institute Wants its Chess Players to Look Prettier

What's it all about? Mates? Oh, no - about clothes!

Some hundred and fifty chess players -- most of them elderly, but all of them militant -- are shattering the quiet of the 93-year-old Mechanics' Institute.

They are fighting the proposed closing of their famed club on the fourth floor of the institute building at 57 Post Street. The closing is being considered by the Institute's Board of Trustees for this announced reason:

Some of the old fellows, quietly sitting at their tables in their "bedraggled" room - the phrase is the trustees- look seedy. Their coming and going reflects on the Institute's dignity. This, the chess players declared, is august and stuffy reasoning.

The doughty old players, many of them holding life memberships in the Mechanics' Institute, met in their clubroom to stalemate the board of trustees.

According to the Chronicle, Charles Bagby, immaculate in a blue pin-striped suit, represented the trustees. He was flanked by Elgin Stoddard and Constant J. Auger, also immaculate and also trustees.

Arguments flew back and forth, until the harassed trustees countered with a proposal to appoint a screening committee and that the modernization of the playing room itself might spruce up some of the players, but the matter won't be decided until the board meets on April 6th.

We personally hope that the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club remains a famous landmark in San Francisco.

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JUSTICE!

At Johnson City, Tennessee last month in the U.S. area tournament held there, a dispute arose in which a player protested the loss of his game to his opponent because the clock used ticked too loud! Also, that he had to keep score since his opponent didn't know how to record the moves. The protest was carried and he was given a win.

Ironically enough, he lost all three games in the finals!

HERE 'TIS - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Los Angeles Athletic Club by P. T. Hoffman

When a church puts on a campaign to expand or stimulate interest, it procures an evangelist. When a chess club has similar ideas it sends for Mr. George Koltanowski and holds a blindfold simultaneous exhibition. This was done by the chess section of the Los Angeles Athletic Club on Friday, March 5. Playing eight boards, Mr. Koltanowski won from Messrs. Davis, Turachek, Wallach, Ames, Weber, Polos and Hoffman, and lost to Mr. R. C. Chapman, Jr. it is interesting to note that at a similar exhibition last year, Mr. Chapman was awarded a draw when the time limit was reached. Los Angeles always has a warm welcome for Mr. Koltanowski.

An interesting experiment is being conducted at Los Angeles Athletic Club, under the direction of Dr. Ralph H. Kuhns, Director of Area #6, U. S. Chess Federation. A free instruction class in chess is offered to all juniors on Saturday mornings at the club. While chess for children has been successful in schools and other natural gathering places for young folks, it will be significant to see what Dr. Kuhns can do in attempting to bring them into a club in a metropolitan area where they have to travel long distances on their day off from school in order to attend classes. Dr. Kuhns is entitled to three cheers for his efforts and he has our best wishes. He is being assisted by Mr. Ed Exton, one of the L.A.A.C. regular players.

SAN RAFAEL CHESS CLUB by Robert Upham

Due to the small size of our club, we meet in the homes of various self-sacrificing members! Anyone desiring information about the club, write to the Secretary: Frank Southerland, Box #91, Corte Madera, Calif.

On our perpetual tournament rating list, Bob Upham and Frank Southerland continue to maintain top positions (they have been battling it out for top place since last year!) Hot on their heels are Bill "it's a checkmate" Knowlton, Bob "Patience on a monument" Allison, and Lou "giant-killer" Yates. Two dark horse threats are Mrs. Irene "Sausalito" Ford and Alan "The Pipe" Atkins. Others constantly snapping at the flying feet of the leaders above them are Jesse Rossini, Bill Foster, "Dusty" Rhoades, Mrs. Jaine Gustafson, Bob Pollock and Bill Kuder.

Every chess club in the world is probably blessed with its "characters". Here in ours, we have two, who are great chess foes from wartime days at the Marinship yards in Sausalito. They are, of course, Jesse Rossini (with his triumphal--and frequent--cries of "check" and "out of check"!); the other is self-effacing and overly modest Mrs. Irene Ford, the only player in the club who will be saying: "Oh, I'm afraid you have me beat," while at the same time she is twisting her hapless opponent into knots. She shies away from playing in team matches with other clubs, claiming she isn't good enough; actually it is because she is too good for anybody the opposition can offer. When we play Santa Rosa in May, we play to spring her against George Koltanowski on Board #1. You better be out-of-town come May, Mr. "K"!

More - News of CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Stockton, California by Marion Sanders

We are a little more than halfway through our round robin tournament to decide who will represent our club in interclub matches. It looks like some will never finish all their games in the time allowed. We will have a perpetual cup or trophy inscribed with the winner's name and he will be permitted to keep it until we have another tournament.

It is almost possible to guess the name of the winner now.

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
M. E. Mattingly	33½	4½	Fred Gormire	14	12
Paul Hubbard	20½	1½	W. Ledoux	10	2
Carl Heynen	20	8	Sam V. Sanders	10	5
F. H. Bufton	14½	9½			

Others are also trying. Incidentally, Fred Gormire is one of our junior members, only twelve years old.

Our club meets every Friday night at the Stockton Y.M.C.A. Visiting chess players are always welcome.

Black Bishop Chess Club News-Hayward, Calif. by Jim Willows and Jack Gonzales

We have just completed play in the Alameda County Chess League, which we won with a score of 10-0. Other highlights of our season were non-league matches with the San Quentin prison team, San Jose State College, Lincoln High School, San Jose and Sequoia High School, Redwood City, all of which we won. We would like to play any high school team that wishes to play us. To do so write; William Kilgore, c/o Hayward High School, Hayward, Calif.

Sacramento, Calif. by Neil T. Austin

At present, we are negotiating for matches with the Russian Club, San Jose, Salinas, Modesto, and Fresno. Also, we are planning to combine with several other teams for a return match with Mechanics Institute C.C.

We had 21 entries in our City Championship. Present champion Milton Meyer was seeded into the finals and the remainder were split into 4 groups of five (5) for a double round qualifying tourney. The successful qualifiers were J. B. Gee, C.A. Iverson, S.W. Applegate, A. R. Chapman, F.B. Jackson, Dr. D.J. Yuk, N.T. Austin and J.T. Marianos. Applegate and Austin were forced to withdraw shortly after the start of the final rounds, leaving a field of seven (7).

What do you think of a 20 board match between a Redwood Empire team and a Central California team? I do not know the relative strengths of the two sections, but imagine that they would be about equal.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHESS LEAGUE - Please take note!!

CORRECTION PLEASE! The Van Nuys Chess Club meets every Wednesday night.

Even more -NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CHESS CLUBS!

Trona Chess Club by G. M. DeYarmon

A provisional organization of the Trona Chess Club was formed on March 16, 1948 and the following officers were elected:.

President	-	Ray Clasen
Tournament Director	-	Matt Eggett
Sec-Treasurer	-	G. M. DeYarmon

The Trona Chess Club will travel to Lone Pine, Calif. on April 5th to play the Bishop, Calif. Chess Club at Lone Pine in the first schedule of tournament play between these two chess clubs. It is hoped that the Trona Chess Club will make a successful showing in this match.

Beverly Hills Chess Club

Information on this club can be secured from Mr. Nathan I. Robinson, 1103 South Clark Drive, Los Angeles 25, Calif.

San Diego Chess Club by A. G. Karn

The San Diego City-County Open Chess Tournament for 1948 was finally won by J. E. Garnet from the San Diego Chess Club, after three draws with W. C. Michaels, President of the Coronado Chess Club. Neither of these fine players lost a game, either in the preliminaries or in the finals, until the one which decided the championship. (See Games Section) First Prize: J. E. Garnet, San Diego Chess Club. Second Prize: W. C. Michaels, President, Coronado Chess Club. Third prize: Dr. W. R. Jepson, Coronado Chess Club.

Salinas Chess Club by George Oakes

The city chess championship started March 2nd. There are two divisions instead of three this year. It was decided to play only one game with each player in the division instead of two, and all games must be finished by May 1st. John Douglass is in charge of "B" class and George Oakes in charge of the "A" class.

The monthly speed tournaments have been changed to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Total score of January and February rapid transit games are:

15 games	W	L
Oakes	13	2
Taylor	11½	3½
Ayres	11	4
Wyman	10½	4½
Clark	9	6
Wagner	7	8
Pope	6	9

Less than 15 games	W	L
Andersen	2	5
Coe	1	6
Hawkins	1	6
Hafner	1	7
Douglass	0	8

The "Y" Chess Club, San Francisco meets every Thursday night at the Central Branch, Y.M.C.A. 220 Golden Gate Avenue. Visitors are always welcome.

The Bay Area Chess League has been organized. More news about this later!

Still More -NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CLUBS!

Chess Chatter from San Jose by HarrySHaw

The San Jose team, with eleven players, visited the Russian Chess Club in San Francisco and enjoyed the hospitality of the club's members. After some rather long drawn out games with both players playing cautiously and fighting for every possible point, the final score was Russian Chess club 12 and the San Jose club 8. This final score occurred because of time limits some of the boards were only able to finish one game. We hope that the Russian Club team will visit San Jose some time this summer and we will try to reciprocate for the enjoyable visit we had in San Francisco.

On February 24, George Koltanowski was a guest of the San Jose Club and played simultaneous chess against 31 players. The exhibition was very successful in bringing out several new chess players and numerous interested spectators, some of whom came out of curiosity, but stayed to the finish for the enjoyment of the contests. George has appeared in numerous exhibitions in San Jose and to the knowledge of the writer, he has never lost a game in any exhibition where he has played the white pieces exclusively. On this occasion, he lost one game to Gordon F. Mills,(See Games Section) a member of the Palo Alto Chess Club. It is always an item of interest when a local player can emerge the winner in a game against a master. We have asked Mr. Mills for the score of his game with his own personal annotation and they are hereby offered to Cal. Chess News readers. These are the thoughts of Mr. Mills and it is possible that one could dispute some of his analysis and show where he was very luckyto win, but if you will run the game over on your chess board, I think you will agree that he played an aggressive game and kept out of the troubles that usually befall the average player when playing the black pieces against a chess player of Kolty's calibre.

Berkeley Chess Club by Jerome Yaffe

Our club boasts of over 100 members, and we meet at the Live Oak Park, Shattuck and Berryman, Berkeley. It is our aim and ambition to stir up chess activity in this area so that we may, in time, develop California into a chess center equal to that of New York. (Editor's note: That is our aim, too. Keep on boosting C.C.N.)

Our tournament chairman would appreciate hearing from other nearby clubs in the bay area, if possible, in order that we may indulge in some enjoyable chess rivalry. His name is: John E. Warner, 1927 Cedar Street, Berkeley.

Pomona Chess Club

This club has 35 members and meets Mondays and Thursdays at the Y.M.C.A. Visitors welcome.

Sebastopol Chess Club

This club, newly formed, meets every Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Agnes Blewitt, 440 High Street. Everyone is welcome. Possibly a competitor for next season's Redwood Empire Chess League Championship!

More - NEWS OF CALIFORNIA CHESS CLUBS.

Palo Alto Chess Club by B. F. Rhodes

The Palo Alto Chess Club has just finished a tournament to establish player strength. The results are as follows:

First Class		Second Class
1. Dr. McInturff	5. Max Barton	1. Robert Oboyle
2. Allen Burke	(Mr. Ankeny	2. Jim Glanville
3. G. F. Mills	6.(Albert Guthrie	3. David Houseman
4. Victor Rickets	(Fred Glanville	4. D. R. Kinkead
		(B. F. Rhodes
		5.(Irving Green

Modesto Chess Club by Herb Betker

Modesto has been quite active since the last news item we sent in. We had a simultaneous with George Koltanowski playing blindfolded on eight boards against 23 players. The boys were well satisfied with their play and amazed at the play of the master. Although George is no stranger to the Modesto Club, his ability at blindfold play still mystifies us all.

The annual election of officers was held Sunday, March 7. The following are the officers for the coming year:

President	Herb Betker
Vice-President	Herb. Paul
2nd Vice-Pres and Tournament Director	Jeff Smith
Sec-Treasurer	Lee Korfoot
Special Event Chairman	Rev. D. G. Weston

We have just concluded our annual club championship. It was hotly contested. Under the Swiss System of pairings, there were several upsets and several more exciting near upsets. H. Paul won with a score of 5½ out of a possible 6 points.

Modesto's bearded wonders (you should see us. A whiskereno is on in this section of the state in honor of the gold discovery centennial and the beards are really something to behold.) went to San Francisco to play a team match with the Russian Chess Club. The less said, the better, about the score. We expected a tough match, but we really expected to win. Instead we did not win a game. Whether it was over confidence or not, I do not know, but we have challenged them to a return match on our home grounds and I still think that we can win from them.

Modesto club is tentatively scheduled to play host to the Sacramento and Fresno clubs Sunday, April 18, and we are now trying to line up another team so that we can make it a four way match.

The Club is still growing at every meeting. For the last two months, we have taken in one or more new members.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOOD SHOULD WIN!

From Mr. H. P. Jaroske, Petaluma

Dear Mr. K:

For good fellowship among the chess fraternity, may I suggest that the Redwood Empire Chess League clubs hold a monthly get-together dinner meeting with their wives. The ladies could play cards after the dinner, while the chess players want in for ten second or other chess innovations. You probably would be happy to act as master of ceremonies and suggest new methods of competitive play.

Also, how about each club having its own annual dinner? The resultant publicity would make people chess conscious. Of course, an annual dinner of the combined Redwood Empire Chess League clubs is a must.

Sincerely,
H. P. Jaroske
Petaluma

IT IS OUR WISH, TOO!

From Mr. George Oakes, Salinas

Dear George:

Just a line to tell you I certainly enjoyed your March issue of California Chess News. The Special Supplement was great, also! Only wish it were once a week during the World's Championship.

Yours,

George Oakes

Editor's Note; We aim to please, but weekly would really put our noses to the grindstone! Feel sure that our effort is in the right direction and we appreciate all the support we can get to this end. Thanks very much, George!

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GAMES BY CALIFORNIANS

Game played in the San Jose exhibition-Feb. 24, 1948.
(Won 26; drew 4;lost1)

White: George Koltanowski
Black; Gordon F. Mills

French Defense

1.	P-K4	P-K3
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
3.	PxP	

The exchange variation is not the best for white, but in simultaneous chess he wants to simplify.

3.	...	PxP
4.	B-Q3	N-QB3
5.	P-QB3	N-B3
6.	N-K2	B-KN5
7.	0-0	B-Q3
8.	P-KB3	B-R4
9.	B-KB4	B-N5
10.	BxB(N6)	BPxB
11.	N-Q2	0-0
12.	R-K1	R-K1
13.	BxB	QxB
14.	N-KB1	

This and the following moves are explained by the struggle for the open file. I now have the initiative.

14.	...	R-K3
15.	Q-Q2	QR-K1
16.	N(K2)-N3	P-KR4
17.	RxR	QxR
18.	K-B2	P-R5
19.	N-R1	

Better would seem to be N-K2 although even there the Knight is not well placed. At R1, however, the piece is practically out of play and this contributed considerably to my confidence in the bold line of play which I adopted.

Notes by G. F. Mills especially for CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS.

Notes in parenthesis are by the Editorof the California Chess News.

19.	...	N-KR4
20.	N-K3	

White cannot play R-K1 immediately as I win a pawn by exchanging rook and queen and playing N-KB5.

(Editor's note: I beg to differ. 20. R-K1 was the move as after QxRch 21. QxQ, RxQ 22. KxR, N-KB5, white continues simply with N-K3! and if then N-Q6ch, 24. K-Q2, NxNP 25. NxQP and white has the better game.)

20.	...	N-Q1
21.	R-K1	P-QB3

NxP was threatened.

22.	N-B2	Q-KB2
23.	RXRch	QxR
24.	Q-K3	

White dare not attempt to win the KR's pawn with Q-N5 because of the attack I can initiate with N-K3, QxRP, P-KN4, Q-N4, N(K-3)-B5.(

24.	...	N-K3
25.	P-KN3	P-KN4
26.	Q-K5	Q-B2
27.	N-K3	P-KN3
28.	N-N4	

Threatens to win the Q but is not forceful and loses time.

(Editor's note: Correct. Here White should have played 28. K-K2 followed by N-KB2 and white's game is preferable. This because of the double KNP's.)

28.	...	K-R2
29.	N-K3	N-B3
30.	K-K2	Q-K2!

Threatened to trap the Q with N-Q2

31.	Q-N8	P-N5
32.	BPxP?	

P-KB4 would have been better and safer all around for White.

32.	...	NxNP!

If NxN white gets mated by the combination initiated with N-B5ch

33.	K-Q2	Q-N4
34.	QXPch	K-R3
35.	QxBP	QxNch
36.	K-B2	Q-K5ch
37.	K-N3	N-N4
38.	PxP	N-B6
39.	N-N3	N-Q7ch
40.	K-R3	Q-K2ch
41.	K-R4	N-B3
42.	P-R5	P-R4

White commits suicide; with 43.P-QN4 he stillhd good chances.)

43.	KxP??	N-B5ch
44.	K-R4?	Q-R2ch
45.	K-N5	Q-R4Mate

GAMES BY CALIFORNIANS (Continued)

Game played in the San Rafael-Santa Rosa team match, Jan. 16, 1948.

White: B. Jenkines
Black; R. Upham

King's Indian Def.

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3
2.	P-QB4	P-Q3

This can lead into Tchigorin's Def. (where Black leaves out the KB fianchetto) or into the King's Indian. Black chooses the latter.

3.	N-QB3	P-KN3
4.	P-K4	QN-Q2
5.	N-B3	P-K4
6.	B-N5	

An ineffective move- the B could have been stopped at K3 to more effect.

6.	...	B-N2
7.	P-Q5	P-KR3
8.	B-R4	0-0

Black should have played 8..P-QR4, thus securing QB4 for his QN. Fortunately for him, white does not take the opportunity to play P-QN4!

9.	Q-B2	P-KN4

Because of his opponent's Diffident opening play, black is able to undertake a type of K-side attack that would normally be quite risky.

10.	B-N3	P-QR4
11.	P-QR4	N-B4
12.	B-K2	N-R4

Puts the bee on the enemy bishop, threatens to go to KB5 and releases the KBP for advancement- a very useful move!

13.	R-QN1	

A futile attempt at counterplay. Because of the blocked-up nature of the Q-side, I would have played 13. O-O-O.

13.	...	P-B4
14.	N-Q2	N-B5
15.	BxN	KPxB

White gets rid of the annoying K and Black gets his pawn-roller.

16.	O-O	

Stepping right into it, but he has a positionally lost game anyway.

16.	...	Q-B3
17.	N-N5	R-B2
18.	B-R5	R-K2
19.	B-B3	

Else Black plays P-N5, trapping the inquisitive ecclesiast.

19.	...	P-N5
20.	B-Q1	PxP

The rest is easy to understand; White lashed around on the Q-side, while Black heads straight for the white king.

21.	P-N4	PxP
22.	RxP	N-Q6
23.	R-N1	B-B4
24.	Q-R2	Q-R5
25.	B-B2	P-B6
26.	BxN	PxB
27.	P-B5	B-K4
28.	P-R3	PxNP
29.	P-B4	PxRP
30.	PxB	P-R7ch

Black sacrifices both advanced pawns, clearing the way for a mate with the Queen and Rook.

31.	KxP	P-R8 (Q)ch
32.	RxQ	R-N2ch
33.	K-B3	Q-N6 mate

Judge Jenkines, Santa Rosa's "Grand Old Man of Chess," was far below his usual form in this game (for which fact his opponent was duly grateful!)

The preceding game was annotated especially for the CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS by R. Upham (San Rafael Chess Club)

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Here is the game that decided the San Diego City-County Open Chess Tournament.

White: Garnet
Black: Michaels

Alekhine's Defense

1.	P-K4	N-KB3
2.	P-K5	N-Q4
3.	P-QB4	N-N3
4.	P-KB4	P-Q3
5.	N-KB3	N-QB3
6.	B-K2	PxP
7.	PxP	B-B4
8.	O-O	N(B3)xP
9.	P-Q4	N-B3
10.	P-Q5	N-N5
11.	N-Q4	P-K3
12.	P-QR3	N-R3
13.	NxB	PxN
14.	P-QN4	B-K2
15.	RxP	B-B3
16.	R-R2	P-N3?
17.	RxB	QxR
18.	B-N2	Q-R5
19.	BxR	O-O-O
20.	B-K5	Q-K5
21.	B-KB6	R-N1
22.	N-B3	Q-K6ch
23.	K-R1	K-N1
24.	B-Q4	Q-K2
25.	P-B5	N-Q2
26.	BxN	PxB
27.	R-K2	Q-Q1
28.	P-QN5	K-R1
29.	PxP	P-QB3
30.	PxP	N-N1
31.	Q-N3	Resigns

Mate in two follows!

Game played on Board 1; match between Russian C.C. S.Francisco and Sacramento C.C Nov. 8, 1947

White: Meyer (S.C.C.)
Black: Prokoodin(RCC)

Queen's Gambit Declined

1.	N-KB3	P-Q4
2.	P-Q4	N-KB3
3.	P-B4	P-K3
4.	P-KN3	P-B3
5.	Qn-Q2	B-N5
6.	PxP	BPxP
7.	B-N2	N-B3
8.	0-0	0-0
9.	P-QR3	B-Q3
10.	N-QN3	P-KR3
11.	B-K3	P-QN3
12.	R-B1	B-N2
13.	R-B2	R-B1
14.	Q-Q3	N-K5
15.	KN-Q2	P-B4
16.	P-B3	NxN
17.	QxN	P-KN4
18.	P-B4	P-N5
19.	KR-QB1	Q-K2
20.	B-B2	Q-KB2
21.	Q-Q3	P-KR4
22.	Q-N5	N-N1
23.	RxR	RxR
24.	RxRch	BxR
25.	N-B1	K-N2
26.	N-Q3	B-QR3
27.	Q-N3	BxN
28.	QxB	Q-B2
29.	B-K3	N-Q2
30.	B-Q2	N-KB3
31.	Q-QB3	QxQ
32.	BxQ	P-QR4
33.	P-K3	K-B2
34.	B-KB1	K-K2
35.	B-N5	N-K5
36.	B-K1	B-B2
37.	K-B1	N-Q3
38.	B-Q3	N-B5
39.	P-N3	NxRP
40.	B-B3	P-N4
41.	B-N2	P-N5
42.	K-K2	

At this point the game was adjourned and sent to Mr. Fink for adjudication. He gave it a draw, being under the impression that the knight was at QR7 instead of QR6. Since then, he has given it a win for Black. The continuation could be 42....P-QR5. White's best move is to play PxP, N-B5, B-B1, P-QN6! Black threatens P-N7. If he plays 45. BxN, PxB 46.K-Q2, B-R4ch-wins.

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Game played by mail and won by Chas. G. Schroeder of Garden Grove. Sicilian Def.

1.	P-K4	P-QB4
2.	N-KB3	P-Q3
3.	P-Q4	PxP
4.	NxP	N-KB3
5.	N-QB3	P-KN3
6.	B-K3	N-N5?
7.	B-N5ch	B-Q2
8.	QxN	BxB
9.	N(Q4)xB	Resigns

Neatly done!

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT
WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(3)

The Hague, March 4, 1948

The adjourned game Euwe vs. Keres lasted only 13 more moves as Euwe overstepped the time limit on a hopelessly lost position. Play continued: 42. Q-B5ch 43. K-N1, N-Q4 44. Q-QB2, N-K2 45. P-QR4, Q-Q5ch 46. K-R2, Q-K4ch 47. K-N1, N-Q4 48. Q-Q1, N-B6 49. Q-B2, K-N3 50. K-R1, Q-K8ch 51. K-R2, N-K7 52. Q-B6ch, K-R2 53. Q-B5, N-N6 54. Q-Q6, N-B8ch 55. K-N1, P-R4 and Euwe's flag dropped!

Round Two: Botvinnik started out carefully, built up a solid position and then forced an exchange into an endgame where he had 2 bishops and a double King's pawn. After that, it was a massacre.

White: M. Botvinnik Black: Dr. M. Euwe

Slav Defense

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	17.	N-K5	BxN
2.	P-QB4	P-K3	18.	PxB	QxKP
3.	N-KB3	N-KB3	19.	B-B3	Q-K2
4.	N-B3	P-B3	20.	P-B3!	N-Q4
5.	P-K3	Qn-Q2	21.	QxQ	NxQ
6.	B-Q3	B-N5	22.	PxP	P-QN3
7.	P-QR3	B-R4	23.	R-Q1	N-N3
8.	Q-B2	Q-K2	24.	R-Q6	B-R3
9.	B-Q2	PxP	25.	R-B2	B-N4
10.	BxBP	P-K4	26.	P-K5	N-K2
11.	0-0	0-0	27.	P-K4	P-B4
12.	Qr-K1	B-B2	28.	P-K6	P-B3
13.	N-K4	NxN	29.	RxNP	B-B3
14.	QxN	P-QR4	30.	RxB	NxR
15.	B-R2	N-B3	31.	P-K7ch	R-B2
16.	Q-R4	P-K5	32.	B-Q5	Resigns

Keres vs. Smyslov was a game full of fire, typical of the two youngest contestants. After some lovely pawn sacrifices, Keres gained a material advantage to win.

White: Keres Black: Smyslov

Grunfeld Defense

1.	P-QB4	N-KB3	11.	B-R3	BxB	21.	P-B5	NxP
2.	N-KB3	P-B3	12.	QxB	R-K1	22.	Q-KR3	P-R4
3.	N-B3	P-Q4	13.	P-K4	P-QN4	23.	P-B6	B-R3
4.	P-K3	P-KN3	14.	Q-N3	N-Q2	24.	PxR	BxN
5.	P-Q4	B-N2	15.	P-B4	QR-N1	25.	Q-KB3	P-B3
6.	PxP	NxP?	16.	QR-Q1	Q-R4	26.	BxP	N-Q2
7.	B-B4	0-0	17.	P-B5	P-N5	27.	P-KR4	Resigns
8.	0-0	P-N3	18.	B-N2	P-K4			
9.	Q-N3	NxN	19.	N-N5	R-K2			
10.	PxN	B-QR3	20.	P-B4!	PxQP			

If 27...BxP 28. Q-KR3 Besides having a lost game, Smyslov would have had to make 13 moves in 2 minutes.

Round Three started with the public betting heavily on Botvinnik and Keres, but anything can happen in this tournament, and it did! After playing a fine positional game and forcing the pace all the way, Reshevsky broke through Keres' defenses in bad time pressure for both to force a mating position.

White: Reshevsky Black: Keres Reti Opening

1.	N-KB3	N-KB3	15.	P-QR4	Q-B2	29.	B-K3	N-B4
2.	P-QB4	P-QN3	16.	P-N5	KR-Q1	30.	Q-B2	R-R1
3.	P-Q3	P-KN3	17.	RxR	RxR	31.	N-N5	R-K1
4.	P-K4	P-Q3	18.	P-R5	N-N5	32.	P-KR4	P-K5
5.	N-B3	B-KN2	19.	PxNP	RPxP	33.	N-R3	R-Q1
6.	P-Q4	0-0	20.	B-N5	P-B3	34.	N-B4	R-Q3
7.	B-K2	B-N2	21.	PxP	BxP	35.	P-R5	P-KN4
8.	Q-B2	P-K4	22.	B-Q2	P-KB4	36.	N-Q5	NxN
9.	PxP	PxP	23.	B-N5	R-K1	37.	PxN	P-KR3
10.	B-K3	R-K1	24.	P-KR3	PxP	38.	BxN	PxB
11.	0-0	QN-Q2	25.	NxP(K4)	BxN	39.	QxKP	B-Q5
12.	Kr-Q1	P-B3	26.	QxB	N-B3	40.	Q-K8ch	K-N2
13.	P-QN4	Q-K2	27.	Q-K3	N(B1)-Q2	41.	R-N8	Resigns
14.	QR-N1	N-B1	28.	Q-N3	R-N1			

Smyslov fought Botvinnik tooth and nail all the way and won a pawn by adjournment time. However, it is doubtful if he can win, as Botvinnik can probably force the draw by repetition of moves.

White: Smyslov Black: Botvinnik Grunfeld Defense

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3	17.	B-N3	Q-B2	33.	PxP	R(B2)-K2
2.	P-QB4	P-KN3	18.	N-B4	B-R3	34.	P-KN3	B-R3
3.	N-QB3	P-Q4	19.	N-Q3	P-KB4	35.	NxP	B-N2
4.	N-B3	B-N2	20.	N-B5	PxP	36.	P-B4	N-B3
5.	Q-N3	P-B3	21.	QxP	NxN	37.	K-B2	N-Q4
6.	PxP	NxP	22.	PxN	N-Q4	38.	R-K4	N-B3
7.	P-K4	N-N3	23.	R-K1	QR-K1	39.	R(K4)-K3	N-Q4
8.	B-K3	B-K3	24.	B-K5	B-B5	40.	R-N3	P-KN4
9.	Q-B2	B-B5	25.	B-N2	Q-B4	Here the game was adjourned. It continued as follows:		
10.	B-K2	N-R3	26.	Q-B4	P-K4			
11.	0-0	0-0	27.	R-K4	Q-B2			
12.	KR-Q1	Q-Q3	28.	QR-K1	N-B3	41.	K-B3	R-KB1
13.	P-QN3	BxB	29.	QxQch	RxQ	42.	R-K4	N-B3
14.	NxB	QR-B1	30.	R(K4)-K2	N-Q2	43.	R-K2	N-Q4
15.	B-B4	Q-K3	31.	P-QN4	P-QR4	44.	R-K4	N-B3
16.	B-K5	P-B3	32.	P-QR3	PxP	45.	R-K2	N-Q4
							Drawn	

Abe Yanofsky, champion of Canada is the unofficial aide to Dr. Max Euwe. Al Prins of Holland is the official aide of Reshevsky.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

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March 10th, 1948.

Reshevsky loses on time! After building up an overwhelming position against Botvinnik, Sammy, in time pressure gets the urge for a brilliancy sacrifice and loses on time instead.

White: Botvinnik Black: Reshevsky Nimzo-Indian Defense

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3	12.	P-N5	N-N3	23. QxP	Q-K3
2.	P-QB4	P-K3	13.	B-Q3	PxP	24. R-R2	P-KR3
3.	N-QB3	B-N5	14.	BxP	B-Q2	25. P-KR3	R-R3
4.	P-K3	P-Q4	15.	Q-N3	P-R5	26. N-Q5	NxP
5.	P-QR3	B-K2	16.	Q-Q3	R-R4	27. R-K2	P-KB4
6.	N-B3	O-O	17.	N-B3	Q-K1	28. P-KN4	B-B4 ?
7.	P-QN4	QN-Q2	18.	BxB	QxB	29. PxP	QxP
8.	B-N2	P-B3	19.	O-O	R-QB1	30. QxN(K4)	QxP
9.	B-Q3	PxP	20.	P-K4	N-B5	31. N-R2	R(B1)-B3
10.	BxP	B-Q3	21.	B-B1	P-K4	32. N-B4 and Reshevsky's flag fell as he resigned.	
11.	N-K2	P-QR4	22.	R-Q1	PxP		

Euwe also had an overwhelming game against Symslov, and also got the sacrificial craze to speculatively donate two knights for a seemingly mating attack, only to find that the bird had flown the coop. The adjourned position holds little hope for the former world's champion, who is two pieces down.

White: Euwe Black: Smyslov Ruy Lopez

1.	P-K4	P-K4	16.	Q-K2	P-KN3	31. B-Q4	K-R2
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3	17.	N-N5	B-B1	32. N-KB4	B-B5
3.	B-N5	P-QR3	18.	B-Q2	K-N2	33. N(K5)xNP	PxN
4.	B-R4	N-B3	19.	QR-Q1	P-KR3	If Black had taken the Queen, then K-B8 mates.	
5.	O-O	B-K2	20.	N-B3	B-K3		
6.	R-K1	P-QN4	21.	P-QR4	Q-N1	34. NxP ?	KxN!
7.	B-N3	O-O	22.	B-B1	RxR	35. P-K5ch	K-B2
8.	P-B3	P-Q3	23.	RxR	R-Q1	36. Q-R5ch	K-B1
9.	P-KR3	N-QR4	24.	RxR	BxR	37. P-KB4	B-N3
10.	B-B2	P-QB4	25.	PxP	PxP	38. Q-B5ch	K-K2
11.	P-Q4	Q-B2	26.	N-Q5	N-N1	39. Q-R7ch	K-Q1
12.	QN-Q2	N-B5	27.	B-K3	P-B5	40. BxB ch	QxB ch
13.	PxBP	PxP	28.	P-QN3	N-QR4	41. K-R2	Q-K6
14.	N-B1	B-K3	29.	NxKP	PxP	42. Q-B5	N-QB3
15.	N-K3	QR-Q1	30.	B-N1	Q-N2	White resigned	

March 12, 1948.

Round Five, Euwe repeats himself. Euwe repeated the same defense as he played against Botvinnik, with the same results. Reshevsky played an improvement at move 12, probably prepared beforehand, and outplayed Euwe in the middle game complications to win a pawn. After that he played weakly, but so did Euwe, and one clever move turned it into a won endgame for Reshevsky.

White: Reshevsky Black: Dr. Euwe Semi-Slav Defense

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	
2. P-QB4	P-K3	
3. N-KB3	N-KB3	
4. N-B3	P-B3	
5. P-K3	QN-Q2	
6. B-Q3	B-N5	
7. P-QR3	B-R4	
8. Q-B2	Q-K2	
9. B-Q2	PxP	
10. BxBP	P-K4	
11. 0-0	0-0	
12. P-Q5!	P-QB4	
13. P-Q6.	Q-Q1	

If QXP, then white wins a piece by N-QN5, followed by P-QN4.

14. QR-Q1	R-N1	
15. N-Q5	NxN	
16. BxB	QxB	
17. RxN	P-K5	
18. N-N5	P-QN4	
19. B-R2	Q-N3	
20. NxKP	B-N2	
21. R-Q2	P-B5	
22. B-N1	P-N3	
23. Q-B3	KR-K1	
24. N-B6ch	NxN	
25. QxN	Q-B3	
26. P-K4	R-K3	
27. Q-B4	R-Q1	
28. KR-Q1	P-QR4	
29. P-KR4	P-R4	
30. P-Q7?	R-K2	
31. P-KN4	R(K2)xP	
32. PxP	RxR	
33. RxR	RxR	
34. QxR	PxP	
35. Q-N5ch	Q-KN3?	
36. QxQch	PxQ	
37. P-B4!	PxN5	
38. PxP	PxP	
39. K-B2	P-B6	
40. P-N3!	K-B2	
41. K-K3	Resigns	

Another Keres novelty: Keres-Botvinnik started off in a bizarre way and continued in that manner. After a mass of stupid maneuvering which no one could follow, Keres finally slipped up and lost a Pawn. This game is strictly D-Class stuff!

White: Keres Black: Botvinnik Irregular Opening

1. P-QB4	P-K3	21. R-K1	Q-N3	41. P-N6	P-R5
2. P-KN3	P-Q4	22. N-KB3	N-Q2	42. Q-N4	PxPch
3. B-N2	P-Q5	23. N-N5	R-KB1	43. KxP	R-B1
4. P-QN4	P-QB4	24. RxRch	BxR	44. PxPch	KxP
5. P-N5	P-K4	25. P-QR4	B-R3	45. P-R6	NxB
6. P-Q3	B-Q3	26. P-R5	Q-KB3	46. QxN	Q-B5ch
7. P-K4	Q-B2	27. N-B1	0-0-0	47. K-N2	Q-B8ch
8. N-K2	P-KR4	28. N-N3	R-KB1	48. K-R2	R-B7ch
9. P-KR4	N-KR3	29. R-R1	Q-K2	49. RxR	QxRch
10. 0-0	B-N5	30. Q-QB1?	K-N1	50. K-R1	Q-K8ch
11. P-B3	B-K3	31. R-R2	R-B2	51. K-N2	Q-K7ch
12. P-B4	B-N5	32. Q-R3?	BxN	52. K-N1	Q-K6ch
13. P-B5	N-Q2	33. PxB	B-Q8!	53. QxQ	PxQ
14. N-Q2	P-KN3	34. Q-B1	BxN	54. PxP	KxP
15. PxP	PxP	35. R-N2	B-Q8!	55. K-N2	K-N3
16. N-KB3	B-K2	36. QxB	QxP	56. K-B3	K-R4
17. R-B2	Q-Q3	37. Q-K1	N-B1	57. KxP	K-N5
18. BxN	RxB	38. K-R2	Q-B3	58. K-Q2	P-N4
19. Q-Q2	R-R1	39. B-R3	N-R2	Resigns	
20. N-N5	N-B3	40. Q-Q1	N-N4		

Here are the standings after the first five rounds: BOTVINNIK-3½; RESHEVSKY-2½; KERES and SMYSLOV-2; EUWE 0. Although it is much too early to definitely give an opinion on the outcome, one thing is sure that all of us are hoping that Sammy Reshevsky does the impossible. The Russians were accompanied by a delegation of 21 players including one first rate master Ragozin. This, together with the three players, makes it a difficult combination to overcome. Still, miracles can happen!

ODDS AND ENDS!!

THERE AIN'T NO SUCH ANIMAL!

During my recent tour, I played in Wheeling, West Virginia and while glancing through the 'phone book, I noticed a name "Edgington Lane Chess Club, Inc." This was news to me, so I phoned and asked for the secretary and to my astonishment was advised that they had NO chess players. This intrigued me! That evening I learned that in West Virginia in order to get a liquor license, it has to be a club that is incorporated. The chess in the title was purely coincidental. Chess does get around!

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BRUTALITY IN CHESS (New York "Sun" Editorial)

There are certain considerations which make it doubtful that chess will ever become a mob sport. It is not that the game is not brutal, but that it is too brutal.

The Times suggests that the habit of resigning may save the game from excessive ferocity. But that is not the first or greatest preventive. What does save it is that although mobs may condone and even enjoy the spectacle of a wrestler biting his opponent's ear, they are rarely able to appreciate slow and lingering mental cruelty. An excited mob likes to see its victims put to supreme tests - to see a bull stabbed in the back of its neck or a pugilist writhing under a knockout blow- but even the fiercest mob is too humane to sit gleeful for hours watching a chess master as he slowly succumbs to the pressure on his queenside pawns by an opponent's pieces.

Chess is erroneously described as a gentle pastime. In reality it combines the Spanish Inquisition with a Puritan witch-baiting, preserving the most exquisite tortures of each. It can never appeal to mobs until mobs learn that pulling out an enemy's toenail with red-hot pincers is childlike in comparison with winning a pawn from him on the tenth move and forcing him, for want of that pawn, to resign on the eighty-seventh.

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Conversation Piece in the Course of a Game

Sir George Thomas to Koltanowski: "I see you are the exchange down. Did you lose it, or sacrifice it?" Koltanowski to Sir George Thomas: "How am I to know? I'll tell you when the game is over. If I win, it was a sacrifice. If I lose, then it was a mistake."

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ARTHUR DAKE seemed to be deeply absorbed in a game being played in the U.S. Women's Championship tournament of 1938. Mrs. Marshall, eager for an opinion as to the probable outcome, ventured to ask, "What do you think, Arthur?" Dake took another look at the board, and at the contestants, and answered, "They're both very thin, aren't they?"

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